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Re: Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, Freemont Corporation, TJ Clark Mine, S/015/076, Emery County, Utah

Dear Mr. Sellier:

Thank you for your deficiency response letter and map received by the Division on April 2, 1998. The Division's March 11, 1998 review letter stated we would suspend further processing of this notice pending receipt of the requested information and resolution of the overlapping leases from the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA). The revised map and information in the letter have addressed the information deficiencies. The small mining operation notice of intention is now considered complete by the Division.

The Division received a copy of the March 26, 1998 letter from SITLA to Michael Keller stating the SITLA Board of Trustees would make a determination regarding multiple mineral development areas at their April or May meeting. Please be advised that the Division's determination of completeness does not constitute approval from the SITLA. You will need approval their prior to beginning your operations.

Your letter requests that all information concerning these matters be held confidential as outlined by applicable laws. Section R647-3-118 Confidential Information of the Minerals Rules states:

"Information provided in the notice of intention relating to the location, size and nature of the mineral deposit and marked as confidential by the operator shall be protected as confidential information by the Board and the Division. The information will not be a matter of public record until a written release is received from the operator, or until the notice of intention is terminated."

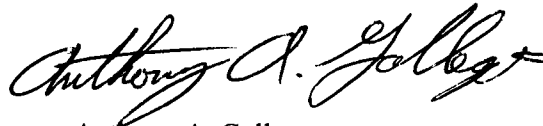
None of the information received by the Division to date for the TJ Clark Mine has been marked as confidential. Please provide a written response identifying information relating to the location, size and nature of the mineral deposit which you wish the Division to hold as confidential. You may describe the specific information you wish to be held as confidential, or you may provide a revised SMO-NOI

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submission which refers to attachments containing the confidential information which may be held separately from the other information available to the public. New attachments or documents to be held as confidential should contain a "confidential" stamp or mark.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions regarding this letter please contact me at (801) 538-5267 or Wayne Hedberg at (801) 538-5286. If you or your legal counsel have specific questions regarding confidential information please contact the Division's Attorney General representative Dan Moquin at (801) 538-5243.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony A. Gallegos", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Anthony A. Gallegos
Senior Reclamation Specialist

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cc: Michael Keller, VanCott, Bagley, Cornwall & McCarthy
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